

In the Iowa District Court for Polk County

State of Iowa, Plaintiff, v. Jacob L. Carder-kopaska, Defendant.	Agency Case No.: DM19-572 Agency: Des Moines Police Department County Attorney Preliminary Complaint Review
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COMES NOW the undersigned Assistant Polk County Attorney and states as follows:

I have read and reviewed the attached complaint and affidavit. I:

- ☒ **Approve** the charge as KIDNAPPING IN THE FIRST DEGREE—Class A Felony—in violation of Iowa Code Section 710.1 and ask the court to find probable cause for this charge.
- ☐ Request that the Court enter the attached *Arrest Warrant*.
- ☐ Advise the court and the clerk of court that despite the officer's request for an Arrest Warrant, the defendant has reportedly been taken into custody, so *an arrest warrant is no longer required*.

With regard to a bond amount, the State requests that:

- ☒ The State requests that the Court enter the attached *No Contact Order*.
- ☐ The State requests defendant be held without bond until initial appearance, so a *No Contact Order* may be entered.
- ☐ Bond be set according to the uniform bond schedule.
- ☒ **Bond be set in the amount of \$100,000.**
- ☐ Cash Only.
- ☒ **Cash or Surety.**
- ☐ 10% to the Court.
- ☐ The defendant be released on the defendant's own recognizance (O/R).

Based on the information currently available to me, I offer this additional information to the court:

- ☐ *Other: _____
- ☐ The defendant currently has other pending charges.
- ☐ The defendant has a relevant criminal history.
- ☐ This crime occurred in violation of a No Contact Order.
- ☐ The defendant is currently on probation.

WHEREFORE the State respectfully requests the Court find probable cause and allow the case to proceed under the circumstances set out above.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN P. SARCONI by:

/s/ Linda Zanders
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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
POLK COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- ☐ Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- ☒ Submitted to County Attorney
- ☐ Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Agency Case Number: **20190000572**Arrest Date: **01/09/2019**

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last CARDER-KOPASKA		First JACOB		Middle LEE	Suffix
Address 2932 LOGAN AVE			City DES MOINES		State IA Zip Code 50317
DL# [REDACTED]	State IA	DL Class C	DL Endorsements		DL Restrictions
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Gender MALE	Race WHITE - W		Ethnicity UNKNOWN - U	
Height 5' 10"	Weight 179 LBS	Eye Color BLUE - BLU		Hair Color BROWN - BRO	

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 710.2	Crime Description KIDNAPPING 1ST DEGREE		Speed	in	Zone
Class FELA			Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Location Type 20 - RESIDENCE/HOME								
Literal Description 2932 LOGAN AVE								
Address 2932 LOGAN AVE				City DES MOINES		State IA	Zip Code 50317	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? YES		Incident Date or Low Range 01/02/2019		Upper Date Range		Incident Time or Low Range 02:00		Upper Time Range

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY 1 - JAILED	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did

commit kidnapping in the first degree by confining or removing victim Brandon Groh from one place to another without the authority or the consent of the victim to do so, using deception, did lure the victim to a location with the assistance of others and then assault and confine the victim to a garage, without the option to voluntarily leave, and continue to assault and degrade the victim while held against his will.

VICTIM INFORMATION (Optionally displayed, especially if NCO is requested)

Last [REDACTED]	First [REDACTED]	Middle	Suffix
Business/Organization/State/County/Municipality Name			
Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]	State [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA,

POLK COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On 2 January 2019 at approximately 02:00 hours the victim, [REDACTED] was contacted by a female associate of the defendant. The female utilized deception in an effort to make contact with the victim and bring him to a location in the City of Des Moines. The female did locate the victim and drive him to 2932 Logan Avenue in the City of Des Moines. Once at that location, the defendant and other parties involved in this incident began to assault and detain the victim. The victim was taken into a garage and held against his will by being assaulted by the defendant and other parties. The victim had recently been involved in conversations with the defendant's wife via social media and in person, and the defendant questioned him in regards to the relationship. The victim was struck several times with objects, fists, and kicked, resulting in visible injuries. While detained, the defendant forced the victim to dress in a ladies blouse while being mocked and was photographed by others involved in the incident. The victim was assaulted during the forced questioning several times, and was only released after he was threatened to be killed if he reported the incident. The victim estimated he was held for nearly two hours. The defendant and others involved then drove the victim back to the location he had been picked up at in Urbandale with the threat of retaliation and death if he contacted police to report the incident. In the days after this incident occurred pictures of the victim showing him bloodied wearing the ladies garment were circulated via social media by those involved in this incident. Those pictures as well as documented statements made via messages outlined what had occurred, corroborating the victim's description, including the assault and torture of the victim as he begged to leave and were recovered by police from witnesses. The defendant was located and questioned by police, acknowledging that the victim was brought to his home utilizing deception by another and assaulted while in the garage and questioned about the relationship. The defendant was arrested and charged with Kidnapping 1st. At time of arrest, the case remains under investigation with other potential arrests.



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Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated

03 - ADMISSION/STATEMENTS, 07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 10 - POSSESSION/DISPLAY/USE OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS, 13 - CAUSED PERSONAL INJURY, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 15 - ATTEMPTED TO INFLECT SERIOUS INJURY

Operating Motor Vehicle in County

Other Physical Evidence

Attempted To Inflict Injury

PHOTO

OBJECTS,FISTS, KICKS

STATE OF IOWA,

POLK COUNTY



Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 01/09/2019

Notary Name

KIRK BAGBY

Signature of Verifying Party

Commission Number

769813

My Commission Expires

10/06/2020



Peace Officer



Notary



Prosecuting Attorney